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1. The Progresul Works, which is located about one kilometer from Braila on the road to Brailita, employs about 4,000 workers, 300 of which are engineers and technicians, 600 skilled workers, 150 clerical workers, and about 3,000 unskilled workers. Work is performed in two shifts, from 0600 to 1400 hours, and from 1400 to 2000 hours daily. 25X1
2. The foundry is equipped with seven diesel oil smelters for the production of steel, iron, copper, and bronze. Three of the seven smelters predate 1940, three were acquired during World War II, the seventh, a Siemens-Martin furnace, was constructed in 1952-1953 of Czechoslovak parts, and its production is higher than that of the other six smelters combined.
3. The Progresul Works has its own electric power plant and is not dependent on the Braila electric power plant. It also has a special locomotive repair shop. Raw materials, in semifinished form, are shipped from Resita to the Progresul Works by rail. Scrap iron is brought in by railroad and truck from neighboring regions, where there are collecting stations.
4. Production includes marine screws, blocks for every type of engine, hydraulic pumps, tanks for water trucks, pipes and equipment for oil pipelines, axles and wheels for railroad cars and locomotives (standard gauge), locomotive parts, steel parts for hulls, masts, cranes for ships, pulley blocks, etc. In recent years, however, production consisted mainly of naval supplies and equipment.
5. Constantin Dumitrache is General Director of the Progresul Works; Grascia, fm, a Soviet, is Technical Director; Marin Gheorghisican is Political Director; and Olivia Gheorghesou is Personnel Director. The guard consists of 80 soldiers armed with Czechoslovak rifles and revolvers.

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